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APRIL KIDS' WEEK

APRIL 13-20, 2002

(Lowell, MA) Lowell National Historical Park and the City of Lowell, along with other local and private organizations, have planned 8 fun-filled days of games, crafts, storytelling, and interactive activities to take place during April school vacation week, April 13th to 20th, 2002. Most activities are free of charge. With some programs, class size is limited and pre-registration is strongly recommended. For information, call Lowell National Historical Park at (978) 970-5000. For those with hearing impairment, call TDD at (978) 970-5002. Reservations will begin on April 1. In the event you cannot attend a reserved program, please call to cancel so that we may accommodate as many participants as possible. In case of inclement weather, listen to WCAP 980 AM radio for up-to-date information.

Saturday, April 13

10:00 am-2:00 pm Healthy Kids Day

Fun-filled educational activities, including: fire trucks for kids to explore, meet the Sheriff's department canine unit, a Moonwalk, balloons, fitness course, bike rodeo (bring your bike and helmet!), and a children's karate demonstration. Lunch will be available. The YMCA welcomes volunteers for this event. Presented by the Lowell YMCA, 30 YMCA Drive, Lowell. For more information, contact Claire Cloutier at (978) 454-7825.

2:30-4:00 pm Mill City Printworks

Get your training, experience a speed-up, a stretch-out, and decide to strike or not to strike as workers on an assembly line. Ages 8 and up. Limit 32 children. Presented by Lowell National Historical Park at the Boott Cotton Mills Museum, 400 Foot of John St. Activity meets at the Boott Cotton Mills Museum orientation desk. For reservations, call (978) 970-5000.

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ADD ONE April Kids' Week

Sunday, April 14

2:30-4:30 pm Family Pizza & Swim Night

Come join the Lowell Family YMCA Aquatics Department as they host an afternoon of pizza & swimming. \$5/family for swimming, \$1.50/slice for pizza. Presented by Lowell YMCA, 30 YMCA Dr, Lowell. For reservations, contact Stephanie G. at (978) 454-7825, ext. 25.

Monday, April 15

2:00-3:00 pm Paint Your Own Spring Ceramic

Choose your own spring ceramic and paint it in a creative way. A responsible adult must accompany children. Ages: 5 – 10. Limit: 12 children. Presented by Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lowell, 657 Middlesex St. For reservations please call (978) 970-5000.

Tuesday, April 16

9:00 am Guard Start

A new version of the Junior Lifeguard Program. See *Special Programs* (at the end of the schedule).

9:00-10:30 am Marionette and Mobile Macaroni Crafts

Macaroni is not just a fun food to eat. Come and make a workable marionette that you can play with. You will also be able to display your mobile for all to see. Ages 8 and up. Presented by Lowell Parks & Recreation. Location: Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 2nd floor conference room. For information, call (978) 970-4034.

9:30-11:00 am What We Wear Where

Explore *All for One & One for All! Uniforms in Fact and Fantasy*, and construct a booklet describing clothing that is worn as a “uniform” on certain ceremonial occasions. Ages 6 – 12. Limit: 15 children. Presented by the American Textile History Museum at 491 Dutton Street. For reservations, call (978) 441-0400 ext. 244.

10:00-11:30 am Make a Pot Holder

An old fashioned way to handle hot pots and pans. Great to use at home or to give someone as a gift. Ages 7 and up. Presented by Lowell Parks & Recreation. Location: Boott Cotton Mills Museum, 5th floor conference room. For information, call (978) 970-4034.

10:00-11:30 am Fun Collage

Create imaginative creations out of STUFF! Explore the process of making amazing art out of ordinary 2 and 3 dimensional items. Please wear clothing that can get dirty. Ages 7-12. Limit: 10 children. Presented by the Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St. For reservations, call (978) 970-5000.

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ADD TWO April Kids' Week

12:00 noon-2:00 pm Splashing, Bobbing, and Diving

Splashing, Bobbing, and Diving are part of this fun filled activity. **A parent, guardian, or responsible adult must accompany children under 4 feet tall.** Enter through the main lobby. Please bring with you a bathing suit, towel, goggles, water shoes, and a plastic bag (to keep clothes dry and to put your wet suit in after swimming). Ages: Potty trained and up. Presented by Lowell Parks & Recreation. Location: Lowell High School Pool. For information, call (978) 970-4034.

1:00-2:00 pm Quilt – Bingo

Play a fun game and learn about quilting blocks. Win a prize. School children accompanied by an adult have free admission to the gallery for a scavenger hunt activity. Ages 8 – 10. Limit: 10 children. Presented by the New England Quilt Museum at 18 Shattuck St. For reservations, call (978) 970-5000.

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2:00-3:00 pm Creating Cloth

If you've ever wondered how the clothing that you wear every day is made, this program is for you! Participants will learn how cloth is made through weaving their own piece of cloth. Learn the difference between warp and weft and have fun in the process. Ages 6-12. Adult supervision required for children 10 and under. Limit: 20 children. Presented by the Tsongas Industrial History Center, 3rd Floor Boott Cotton Mills Museum. For reservations, call (978) 970-5000.

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2:00-3:30 pm Windy Day Fun!

Conventional and unconventional kite making. Let your creations soar through the air when they are done. Ages: 9 and up. Presented by Lowell Parks & Recreation. Location: Market Mills courtyard, 246 Market St. For information, call (978) 970-4034.

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ADD THREE April Kids' Week

Wednesday, April 17

9:00-10:30 am Learn to Make Clay, Paint, and Slime

How does oatmeal turn into clay? How does flour turn into paint? How does school glue turn into slime? Come and join us in mixing several different simple ingredients together to make some fun creations. Ages: 9 and up. Presented by Lowell Parks & Recreation. Location: Boott Cotton Mills Museum, 400 Foot of John St., 4th Floor. For information, call (978) 970-4034.

9:30-11:00 am The American Flag

Learn the history of the American Flag and the symbolism of its colors and design. Sew your own flag using the original Betsy Ross design. Ages 9 – 12. Limit 15. Presented by the American Textile History Museum at 491 Dutton Street. For reservations, call (978) 441-0400 ext. 244.

11:15 am-12:30 pm Learn Cambodian Dance

Learn how to perform the lively Cambodian Coconut Shell dance and the fast-paced Pestle dance. Angkor's leading youth apprentices will lead a workshop on traditional Khmer classical and folk dance. The workshop includes dance demonstrations and hands-on activities. Wear loose-fitting clothing. Ages 8-12. Limit: 20 children. Presented by Angkor Dance Troupe at 40 French St., Mogan Cultural Center, 3rd Floor. For reservations, call (978) 970-5000.

11:00 am-12:00 noon Rollin' Rollin' Rollin' Story Time

Come listen to some "wheel" stories, play some games, and make a craft. Space is limited. Ages: 4 – 8. Presented by the Pollard Memorial Library. Location of event: Girls Inc., 220 Worthen St. For reservations, call (978) 970-4120.

11:00 am-12:30 pm Balloon Magic

It's so easy! It's magic! Entertain family and friends after you learn this marvelous skill that clowns and magicians use to delight their audiences. Learn how to make a daisy, a swan and the Pink Panther. Ages: 9 and up. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation at Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 2nd Floor Conference room. For information, call (978) 970-4034.

12:00 noon-2:00 pm Discover Scuba

Take a scuba diving lesson with 3 master divers and 2 dive instructors. Learn how to swim and breathe under water using the whole pool. **A responsible adult must accompany children.** Ages 10 and up. Limit: 15 children. Presented by Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell, 657 Middlesex St. For reservations, please call (978) 970-5000.

1:00-2:30 pm Patriotic Crafts

Come and see how beads and safety pins can turn into a patriotic craft. The two crafts that you can choose from are a USA flag and a girl wearing a red, white, and blue gown. Ages: 9 and up. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation. Location: Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St, 2nd Floor Conference Room. For information, call (978) 970-4034.

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ADD FOUR April Kids' Week

1:00-3:00 pm Art Treasure Hunt

Go on a treasure hunt. As you go through our galleries looking for objects in paintings, remember which painting you like best. Then make your own work of art! Ages 7-12. Limit: 12 children. Presented by the Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St. For reservations, call (978) 970-5000.

Thursday, April 18th

9:00-10:30 am You Won't Believe Your Eyes

Can you believe everything you see? Sometimes things just aren't what they seem to be. Surprise your friends and family with what you've learned. Ages: 9 and up. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation. Location: Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 2nd floor conference room. For more information, call (978) 970-4034.

9:30-11:00 am Go Team!

While playing several interactive games, children learn how uniforms have been used throughout history to identify "who is on what side" in politics, war and sports. Ages 8-12. Limit: 15 children. Presented by the American Textile History Museum at 491 Dutton Street. For reservations, call (978) 441-0400 ext. 244.

9:30-10:45 am Fun With Science!

Let us take you into the world of amazement. Did you ever wonder what makes a lava lamp work? Come learn, create and take home your scientific creations. Ages: 9 and up. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation. Location: Boott Cotton Mills Museum, 400 Foot of John St, 4th floor. For more information, call (978) 970-4034.

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1:00-3:00 pm Portraits

Meet the Whistler House Museum of Art's new artist in residence and see his portraits. He will tell you how he does it and then you will paint a portrait of your friend (or another member of the workshop). Ages 8-12. Limit: 12 children. Presented by the Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St. For reservations, call (978) 970-5000.

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ADD FIVE April Kids' Week

2:00-3:00 pm Become a Canal Engineer

Design, build, and operate a canal system like it was done in Lowell in the early 1800's. All participants will get hands-on canal building experience (no experience required). Be ready to have a good time and maybe get a little wet! Ages 6-12. Adult supervision required for children 10 and under. Limit: 20 children. Presented by the Tsongas Industrial History Center, 3rd Floor Boott Cotton Mills Museum. For reservations call (978) 970-5000.

2:00-3:30 pm Fun With Bubbles

How big a bubble can you make? What different shape bubbles can you make? Let us show you how to make a rectangular and tetrahedral bubble maker and then see how they work. Ages: 8 and up. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation. Location: Market Mills Courtyard, 246 Market St. For information, call (978) 970-4034.

3:00-4:00 pm Eyes on Owls

Marcia Wilson is a second-generation owl expert. She brings 4-5 feathered companions. Learn the habits and habitats of the New England species and what perils and protections they face. Marcia will demonstrate and teach her award-winning owl calls. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Presented by the Children's Museum of Lowell. Location: Boott Cotton Mills Museum, 400 Foot of John St, 4th Floor. *The National Park Service Trolley will take you at 2:30 p.m. from the Visitor Center on Market Street to the Boott Cotton Mills Museum for FREE to get you to the show.* For information call (978) 459-9899.

Friday, April 19th

9:30-11:00 am Balloon Magic

It's so easy! It's magic! Entertain your family and friends after you have learned this marvelous skill that clowns and magicians use to delight their audiences. In this session you will learn how to make a six petal flower, a cat, and a rocking horse. Ages: 9 and up. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation. Location: Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 2nd Floor Conference room. For information, call (978) 970-4034.

10:00-11:30 am Under the Ocean

Explore the underwater world of fanciful fish. Construct whimsical fish using a wide assortment of art media. Ages 8-11. Limit: 8 children. Presented by the Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St. For reservations, call (978) 970-5000.

10:30 am-12:00 noon How Many Ways Do You Know How To Communicate?

Come and learn new ways to communicate. Making noises, Egyptian cartouches, and mixing Epsom salts will allow you to communicate with your friends and family in a new and different way. Ages: 9 and up. Presented by Lowell Parks & Recreation. Location: Lowell National Historical Park, Boott Cotton Mills Museum, 5th Floor. For more information, call (978) 970-4034.

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ADD SIX April Kids' Week

12:00 noon-3:00 pm Create, Draw, and Color

Stop by and add color and creativity to a mural that we will display in the front window of the Mack Building after April Vacation week. Come and express your artistic imagination around the theme of adventure/exploration. Everyone is welcome. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation. Location: Mack Building, 25 Shattuck St. For information, call (978) 970-4034.

12:30 pm Scavenger Hunt

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6:30-9:30 pm Youth Dance

Hosted by YMCA after-school and drop-in programs. There will be a DJ in the house. Pizza, drinks, and candy will be for sale. Admission \$2. Ages 6 – 13. Presented by the Lowell YMCA, 30 YMCA Dr, Lowell. For more information, contact Bethany Gaivin (978) 454-7825, ext. 22.

Saturday, April 20

12:30-1:30 pm Weave Your Own Place Mat

Industrial weaving in the textile mills of New England replaced hand weaving as a necessary chore in the home. Reconnect with your ancestors by weaving on a lap loom. At the end of the program you will have your very own place mat to take home. Ages 10 and up. Limit 15. Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St. For reservations, call 978-970-5000.

2:30-3:00 pm Welcome Spring! Reading Ranger

Wake up the Earth with a good book! Children of all ages are welcome to join a Park Ranger for story time. Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St.

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ADD SEVEN April Kids' Week

Special Programs

Guard Start

April 16 through April 19, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

A new version of the old Jr. Lifeguard Program. You will be taught lifeguarding skills, CPR, First Aid, and actually be given the opportunity to lifeguard. If you pass, you could be hired to work at the city pools for summer 2002. Ages: 14 years old by April 1, 2002. Limit: 25 participants. Presented by Lowell Parks & Recreation. Location: Lowell High School. For reservations, call Pat McCoy at (978) 970-4034.

Scavenger Hunt

Friday, April 19, 12:30 p.m. to Finish

A fun-filled afternoon of exploration and adventure in Downtown Lowell. The area will include Middlesex St., Central St., E. Merrimack St., Bridge St., Fr. Morrisette Blvd., Merrimack St., Worthen St., Market St., Dutton St., and all the streets in that area. Come as a team of 5 players. Individuals may sign up and be put on a team. Rain or Shine, please dress appropriately. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team. Ages: 8 and up. Limit: 100 children. Presented by Lowell Parks & Recreation. Meet at the Mack Building, 25 Shattuck St. Reservations required - call Ruth or Pat (978) 970-4034.

We would like to thank and acknowledge all the sponsors of Kids' Week:

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